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State revokes, suspends licenses, certifications, registrations of health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has revoked or suspended the licenses, certifications, or registrations of health care providers in our state. The department has also immediately suspended the credentials of people who have been prohibited from practicing in other states.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 80 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency's website. Click on "Look up a healthcare provider license" in the "How Do I?" section of the Department of Health home page (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Jefferson County

In November 2014, the secretary of health suspended the credential of massage therapist **Andrew Martin Musson** (MA0024678) for at least three years. While treating a client for leg pain, Musson lifted up the client's underwear and without gloves, used his hands to massage the client's genital area.

Walla Walla

In October 2014, the secretary of health suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Rachel B. Thompson** (NC10039205) for at least 10 years after she was convicted of Negligent Arson by Montana's Fourth Judicial District Court. Thompson must also pay a fine of \$250.00.

Whatcom County

In November 2014, the secretary of health suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Lisa M. Castro** (NC10100470) for at least two years. While working at and assisted living

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facility, Castro purposely tormented and upset a patient living there by taking a doll the patient had an attachment with and throwing it on the ground and doing other things that upset the patient. Before requesting reinstatement, Castro must complete continuing education and pay a fine of \$250.00.

Whitman County

In November 2014, the secretary of health entered into an agreed order with certified nursing assistant **Wendy P. Harper** (NC60114923) that suspends her license for at least two years. Harper didn't comply with an earlier order which had her on probation and unable to work without direct supervision.

Yakima County

In July 2014 the Nursing Commission suspended the credential of registered nurse **Anabel Gonzalez** (RN00164312) for at least two years for not complying with a 2012 stipulation placed on her license requiring her to submit personal progress reports and a \$1000.00 reimbursement to the Commission.

In November 2014, the secretary of health suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant **Angelica M. Gonzalez** (NA00176686) for at least three years. While working at an assisted living facility in Yakima County, Gonzalez admitted to stealing a patient's credit card and attempting to use it several times.

Out of State

Alabama

In November 2014, the secretary of health indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant and certified nursing assistant **Geeta Gyitri Prasad** (NA60071369 and NC60079411). While caring for a resident as a personal support advocate, Prasad fell asleep while on duty and the resident wandered away from home to a nearby gas station.

California

In September 2014 the Medical Commission entered into an agreed order with medical doctor **Donovan P. Shively** (MD60167422). Dr. Shively surrendered his license and retired from the practice of medicine.

Hawaii

In July 2014, the Board of Naturopathy suspended the credential of naturopathic physician **Peter M. Dodge** (NT00001189) for at least two years. After the two year suspension is up, Dodge's credential will be under a probationary period for three years. While living in Hawaii, Dodge

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was working for CannaPath, he was seeing patients via Skype and making medical marijuana authorizations, Dodge didn't keep complete patient histories and issued "lifetime" authorizations. Although there is no law against such authorizations, there is a requirement for an ongoing relationship with a patient and lifetime authorizations leave no need for a patient to return so the physician could re-evaluate if the need for medical marijuana continues to be appropriate treatment for the patient's condition.

Idaho

In October 2014, the Board of Osteopathic Medicine indefinitely suspended the credential of osteopathic physician and surgeon **John K. Davis** (OP00001466). The state of Idaho suspended his license for non-payment of court-ordered child support.

Missouri

In December 2014, the Nursing Commission immediately suspended the credential of registered nurse **William Bolling Brawley** (RN6097643) after his license to practice as a nurse in Florida was suspended. The suspension in Florida was due to findings that Brawley could not practice nursing safely after being terminated from a treatment program for impaired nurses due to multiple relapses on alcohol.

Montana

In July 2014, the Nursing Commission suspended the credential of registered and advanced registered nurse **Sydney Diann Seyfert** (RN0169884 and AP60202579) for at least one year for engaging in a sexual relationship with a patient. Before reinstatement of her license can occur, Seyfert must obtain an agency-approved evaluation determining she is safe to practice and complete any treatment recommended by the evaluator. Seyfert's credential, if reinstated, will be placed on probation for three years.

New Hampshire

In March 2014, the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nurse and advanced registered nurse **Alexandra Carros Hunt** (RN60302983 and AP60302984) after her license in New Hampshire took action against her license in that state. The action was taken after New Hampshire found Hunt had falsified prescriptions and used controlled substances.

North Carolina

In April 2014, the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of **Heather Griffith** (RN00159540) after the North Carolina Nursing Board entered a Voluntary Consent to Surrender License Privilege to Practice order against her. The surrender came after North Carolina had found Griffith to have diverted controlled substances from the hospital where she worked.

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Oregon

In November 2014, the Unlicensed Program entered into an agreed order to Cease-and —Desist with **Diana M. Guy** for practicing as a dental hygienist in Washington without a credential to do so in this state.

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